

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
MONROE DIVISION**

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON
FELONY GUILTY PLEA BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Upon reference of the District Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and with the written and oral consent of the Defendant, this cause came before the undersigned U. S. Magistrate Judge on January 26, 2024, for administration of guilty plea and allocution of the Defendant Alex Wayne Banks under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. Defendant was present with his counsel, Mr. Bob Noel.

After said hearing, it is the finding of the undersigned that the Defendant is fully competent, that his plea of guilty is knowing and voluntary, and his guilty plea to Count One of the Indictment, is fully supported by a written factual basis for each of the essential elements of the offense. In addition, both the Government and the Defendant have waived their right to object to the report and recommendation. Accordingly,

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the District Court ACCEPT the guilty plea of the Defendant Alex Wayne Banks in accordance with the terms of the plea agreement filed in the record of these proceedings, and that Alex Wayne Banks be finally adjudged guilty of the offense charged in Count One of the Indictment.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that the District Court ACCEPT Defendant's agreement to forfeit and abandon any claim, right, title, or interest he may have in the firearm(s) and ammunition referenced in the Indictment and/or seized in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that, pursuant to the parties' waiver of their right to object, that the District Court immediately adopt the report and recommendation without passage of the requisite delays.

In Chambers, at Monroe, Louisiana, on this 29th day of January, 2024.



KAYLA DYE MCCLUSKY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE